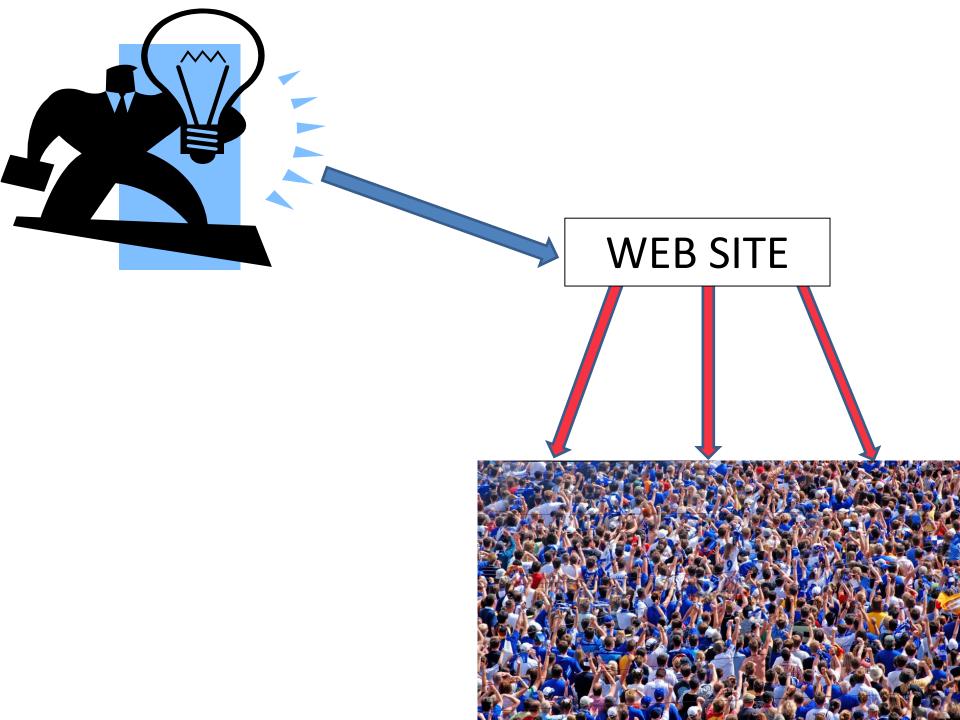
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"Capital Gap"

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- Size of offering

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= Fraud?

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My proposal
$500,000
H.R. 2930
$1-2 million
S. 1791
$1 million
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My proposal
$500 or 2% of annual income

H.R. 2930
$10,000 or 10% of annual income

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